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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-ninth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 5 to 23 August 1996. The first meeting of the session will be convened at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 5 August.

2. This document contains the provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session of the Committee, prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, together with annotations relating thereto.

3. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 3, which contain the tentative timetable for consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention.

4. In accordance with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the States parties are invited to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Report of the Chairman.

3. Organizational and other matters.

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7. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

8. Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

9. Report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session under article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention.

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items.

2. Report of the Chairman

The Committee will be presented with a report of the Chairman on the activities undertaken since the forty-eighth session and on the follow-up given to decisions taken at the forty-eighth session.

3. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the forty-ninth session.

The following timetable for consideration of reports and further information submitted by States parties and reviews to be undertaken at the forty-ninth session has been drawn up by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman, taking into account the relevant decisions taken by the Committee at its forty-eighth session.

Timetable for consideration of reports and further information submitted by States parties and for reviews of the implementation of the Convention

Monday, 5 August	
Bolivia	Eighth to twelfth periodic reports of Bolivia, due in 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991 and 1993 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/281/Add.1)
Brazil	Tenth to thirteenth periodic reports of Brazil, due in 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992 and 1994 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/263/Add.10)
Tuesday, 6 August	
Panama	Tenth to fourteenth periodic reports of Panama, due in 1988, 1990, 1992 and 1994 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/299/Add.1)
Brazil	(continued)
Republic of Korea	Eighth periodic report due in 1994 (CERD/C/258/Add.1)

Wednesday, 7 August	
Republic of Korea	(continued)
Bolivia	(continued)
India	Tenth to fourteenth periodic reports of India, due in 1988, 1990, 1992 and 1994 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/299/Add.3)
Malta	Tenth to twelfth periodic reports of Malta, due in 1990, 1992 and 1994 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/262/Add.4)
Thursday, 8 August	
India	(continued)
Malta	(continued)
China	Fifth to seventh periodic reports of China, due in 1991, 1993 and 1995 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/275/Add.2)
Friday, 9 August	
China	(continued)
Bahamas	Third and fourth periodic reports (CERD/C/88/Add.2), considered at the 610th meeting and reviewed at the 926th meeting in 1991 (CERD/C/SR.610 and 926)
Fiji	Fifth periodic report (CERD/C/89/Add.3), considered at the 629th meeting and reviewed at the 925th and 926th meetings in 1991 (CERD/C/SR.629, 925 and 926)
Gabon	Initial report (CERD/C/71/Add.1), considered at the 550th meeting and reviewed at the 923rd meeting in 1991 (CERD/C/SR.550 and 923)
Lebanon	Second to fifth periodic reports (CERD/C/65/Add.4), considered at the 516th meeting and reviewed at the 923rd meeting in 1991 (CERD/C/SR.516 and 923)

Togo	Initial report (CERD/C/75/Add.12), considered at the 640th and 641st meetings and reviewed at the 924th meeting in 1991 (CERD/C/SR.640, 641 and 924)

Monday, 12 August

Somalia	Second to fourth periodic reports (CERD/C/88/Add.6), considered at the 728th meeting and reviewed at the 1114th meeting in 1995 (CERD/C/SR.728 and 1114)
Cape Verde	Second periodic report (CERD/C/86/Add.4), considered at the 662nd and 663rd meetings and reviewed at the 949th and 952nd meetings in 1992 (CERD/C/SR.662, 663, 949 and 952)
Lesotho	Fifth and sixth periodic reports (CERD/C/90/Add.2), considered at the 608th meeting and reviewed at the 949th and 952nd meetings in 1992 (CERD/C/SR.608, 949 and 952)
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Initial report (CERD/C/85/Add.1), considered at the 652nd meeting and reviewed at the 949th and 952nd meetings in 1992 (CERD/C/SR.652, 949 and 952)
Solomon Islands	Initial report (CERD/C/101/Add.1), considered at the 635th and 636th meetings and reviewed at the 949th and 952nd meetings in 1992 (CERD/C/SR.635, 636, 949 and 952)
Botswana	Third to fifth periodic reports (CERD/C/105/Add.1), considered at the 654th meeting and reviewed at the 949th and 952nd meetings in 1992 (CERD/C/SR.654, 949 and 952)
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Third to fifth periodic reports (CERD/C/105/Add.4), considered at the 707th and 709th meetings and reviewed at the 949th and 952nd meetings in 1992 (CERD/C/SR.707, 709, 949 and 952)

Burkina Faso	Fourth and fifth periodic reports (CERD/C/105/Add.5), considered at the 711th meeting and reviewed at the 949th and 952nd meetings in 1992 (CERD/C/SR.711, 949 and 952)
Guatemala	Seventh periodic report of Guatemala, due in 1996 (CERD/C/292/Add.1)
Mauritius	Eighth to twelfth periodic reports of Mauritius, due in 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993 and 1995 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/280/Add.2)
<u>Tuesday, 13 August</u>	
Guatemala	(continued)
Mauritius	(continued)
Namibia	Fourth to seventh periodic reports of Namibia, due in 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993 and 1995 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/275/Add.1)
<u>Wednesday, 14 August</u>	
Namibia	(continued)
Zaire	Third to ninth periodic reports of Zaire, due in 1981, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991 and 1993 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/237/Add.2); tenth periodic report of Zaire, due in 1995 (CERD/C/273/Add.1)
Swaziland	Fourth to thirteenth periodic reports of Swaziland, due in 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992 and 1994 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/299/Add.2)
<u>Thursday, 15 August</u>	
Zaire	(continued)
Swaziland	(continued)

Venezuela	Tenth to thirteenth periodic reports of Venezuela, due in 1988, 1990, 1992 and 1994 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/263/Add.8)

Friday, 16 August

Venezuela (continued)

4. Prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning and urgent procedures

The Committee decided at its forty-fifth session to establish this item as one of its regular and principal agenda items. Within the framework of its efforts to prevent racial discrimination, the Committee may decide to take early warning measures aimed at preventing existing problems from escalating into conflicts; or it may decide to initiate urgent procedures aimed at responding to problems requiring immediate attention to prevent or limit the scale or number of serious violations of the Convention. The Committee may also take action or further action regarding States parties already considered under the item.

5. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention

At its forty-ninth session, the Committee will consider reports received from the following States parties: Bolivia, Brazil, China, Guatemala, India, Malta, Mauritius, Namibia, Panama, Republic of Korea, Swaziland, Venezuela, Zaire.

Pursuant to decisions taken at its forty-eighth session, the Committee has scheduled, at its forty-ninth session, a review of the implementation of the Convention in a number of States parties whose reports are excessively overdue. Those States parties are the following: Bahamas, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Fiji, Gabon, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Togo.

In pursuance of established practice and in conformity with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration or review by the Committee. For the scheduling of the Committee's consideration of that information, see the timetable for consideration of reports, further information and reviews under agenda item 3 above.

6. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVIII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under article 14 of the Convention.

In accordance with rule 88 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee during which communications under article 14 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.

7. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention

At its forty-ninth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the status of submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 9 of the Convention (CERD/C/306). Part A of that document indicates reports received from States parties and pending consideration by the Committee. Part B of the document contains information relating to overdue reports.

8. Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

At its 695th meeting (thirtieth session) in August 1984, the Committee decided to keep this item on its agenda and requested the Secretary-General to keep it informed of the relevant activities which would be undertaken in accordance with the Programme of Action for the Third Decade.

9. Report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session under article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention

In accordance with article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the Committee is to submit, through the Secretary-General, an annual report to the General Assembly. The 1996 report to the fifty-first session of the Assembly is to cover the activities of the Committee at its forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions.